IN THE CLAIMS

Page 23, line 1, insert --What is claimed is:--.

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the indicator is included in a picture header.

12. (Amended) A portable radio communications device including at least one of a video encoder and a video decoder,

wherein said video encoder comprises an input for receiving a video signal representing a sequence of pictures, a calculator to calculate a measure of the similarity between a first and a second picture, and a comparator to compare the measure of similarity with a predetermined criterion of similarity and to output an indicator indicating the concealment method to be used by a subsequent decoder, the comparator being arranged to output an indicator indicating that a non-temporally predictive concealment method should be used when the measure of similarity does not meet the predetermined criterion, and, when the measure of similarity meets the predetermined criterion, to output an indicator indicating that a temporally predictive concealment method should be used by a subsequent decoder, and

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wherein said video decoder comprises an encoded video signal representing a sequence of pictures, a controller for identifying within the video signal for each picture to be decoded an indicator indicating the type of concealment method to be used in the decoding process, and decoding the encoded video signal using a concealment method as indicated by the indicator.

Please add new claims 13 and 14 as follows:

-- 13.   A method according to claim 2, wherein the indicator is included in a picture header.

14.   A portable radio communications device including at least one of a video encoder and a video decoder,

wherein said video encoder comprises a comparator for comparing a first picture with a second picture, a processor for calculating a measure of the similarity between the first and the second pictures and comparing the measure of similarity with a predetermined criterion of similarity, the processor being arranged to output an indicator in response to the measure of similarity wherein, when the measure of similarity does not meet the predetermined criterion, the indicator is updated and when the measure of similarity meets the predetermined criterion, the indicator is unchanged, and

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